

# **EXHIBIT A**

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## **FOIA REQUEST**

### **Fee waiver requested**

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of every all-staff email sent to Office of Management and Budget employees during March 2017 and March 2018 by director Mick Mulvaney.

I would like to receive the information in digital copies sent via email.

I agree to pay reasonable fees for the processing of this request up to \$25. Please notify me before incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

### Fee Categorization

For fee categorization purposes, I am a representative of the news media. Though this request, I am gathering information for my journalistic work with NPR, a public radio network distributed across the country. Accordingly, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II); id. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iv)(II).

### Request for Fee Waiver

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is not primarily in my commercial interest and will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii). It is important for the public to have insights into how the director of this agency is communicating with the public servants who work there.

### Request for Expedited Processing

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about communication between Mr. Mulvaney and public servants who work underneath him because of his pending promotion to be the Chief of Staff of the President of the United States. Additional information made public about how Mr. Mulvaney manages staff will help inform citizens who want information about how he will run the White House. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

If my request is denied in whole or part, please justify all withholdings by reference to specific exemptions and statutes, as applicable. For each withholding please also explain why your agency “reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by an exemption” or why “disclosure is prohibited by law[.]” 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8)(A)(i).

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request for expedited processing within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sean McMinn